



## OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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Subject: Freedom of Information Act Request No. 2019-IGFO-00177  
Acknowledgement Letter

Dear Mr. Amarel:

This acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the Department of Homeland Security, Office of Privacy (DHS PRIV), dated June 11, 2018 seeking 200 email messages sent to, from or copied to the email address [hsdn@oig.dhs.gov](mailto:hsdn@oig.dhs.gov) containing the non-case-sensitive key-string: "whistleblower". DHS PRIV referred your request to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Inspector General (OIG) for processing and direct response to you. DHS-OIG received that referral on June 13, 2019, and assigned it the above-referenced tracking number.

Your request has been placed in the queue for processing in the order in which it was received. We anticipate responding to your request within 20 business days. Please note, however, that the actual time required to respond to your request depends on the number and types of responsive records identified and located in our records search. Unfortunately, we cannot predict exactly when your request will be processed, as we currently have a large backlog of requests; however, we are using our best efforts to process all requests with due diligence. We, therefore, appreciate your patience as we proceed with your request.

In accordance with DHS regulation 6 C.F.R. § 5.11(a), this letter also confirms your agreement to incur all applicable fees involved in the processing of your request, up to the amount of \$25.00. You will be notified should fees exceed this amount.

Should you have questions, contact us at 202-981-6100 or [foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov](mailto:foia.oig@oig.dhs.gov). Refer to the above-referenced tracking number if you contact us regarding your request. If we require additional information, we will contact you.

Sincerely,

*Glenn M. Lewis*

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FOIA/PA Disclosure Specialist